ABSTRACT

A print job requiring unavailable resources is held until the deficiency is remedied. The resource requirements of the print job are evaluated. The resource requirements are compared to known available resources. Either standard resources are assumed or available resources for the printer are discovered. Responsive to a resource deficiency exposed by the comparison, the print job is communicated to a printer with a command to hold the print job. Also responsive to the resource deficiency exposed by the comparison, instructions for remedying the resource deficiency are created and the instructions are provided to a remedy provider. The instructions are provided to the remedy provider either by printing the instructions or by displaying the instructions on the printer. The remedy provider remedies the resource deficiency and the printer processes the print job. Alternatively, the resource deficiency is communicated to the printer, the resource deficiency is monitored for a remedy, and responsive to the remedy of the resource deficiency, the print job is processed.

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